

(2) *Post assembly tests and inspections.* The finished rescue boat must be visually inspected inside and out. The manufacturer must develop and maintain a visual inspection checklist designed to ensure that all applicable requirements have been met and the rescue boat is equipped in accordance with approved plans. At a minimum, each rescue boat must be operated for 2 hours, during which all rescue boat systems must be exercised.

**§ 160.156-17 Marking and labeling.**

(a) Each rescue boat must be marked with a plate or label permanently affixed to the hull in a conspicuous place readily accessible for inspection and sufficiently durable to withstand continuous exposure to environmental conditions at sea for the life of the rescue boat.

(b) The plate or label must be in English, but may also be in other languages.

(c) The plate or label must contain the—

- (1) Name and address of the manufacturer;
- (2) Manufacturer's model identification;
- (3) Name of the independent laboratory that witnessed the prototype or production tests;
- (4) Serial number of the rescue boat;
- (5) U.S. Coast Guard approval number;
- (6) Month and year of manufacture;
- (7) Material of hull construction;
- (8) Number of persons for which the rescue boat is approved;
- (9) Light load and full load (condition A and condition B weight); and
- (10) Word "SOLAS."

**§ 160.156-19 Operating instructions and information for the ship's training manual.**

(a) Each rescue boat must have instructions and information for the ship's training manual, that use the symbols from IMO Res. A.760(18) (incorporated by reference, see §160.156-5 of this subpart) to describe the location and operation of the rescue boat.

(b) The instructions and information required by paragraph (a) of this section may be combined with similar ma-

terial for survival craft and rescue boats, and their launching systems.

(c) The rescue boat manufacturer must make the instructions and information required by paragraph (a) of this section available—

(1) In English to purchasers of a rescue boat approved by the Coast Guard; and

(2) In the form of an instruction placard providing simple procedures and illustrations for operation of the rescue boat. The placard must be not greater than 36 cm (14 in) by 51 cm (20 in), and must be made of durable material and suitable for display near installations of rescue boats on vessels.

**§ 160.156-21 Operation and maintenance instructions.**

(a) In order to comply with SOLAS, each rescue boat must have operation and maintenance instructions that—

(1) Follows the general format and content specified in MSC.1 Circ. 1205 (incorporated by reference, see §160.156-5 of this subpart); and

(2) Includes a checklist for use in monthly, external inspections of the rescue boat.

(b) The rescue boat manufacturer must make the manual required by paragraph (a) of this section available in English to purchasers of a rescue boat approved by the Coast Guard.

(c) The operation and maintenance instructions required by paragraph (a) of this section may be combined with similar material for survival craft and rescue boats, and their launching systems.

**§ 160.156-23 Procedure for approval of design, material, or construction change.**

(a) Each change in design, material, or construction from the plans approved under 46 CFR 159.005-13 and §160.156-13(h) of this subpart must be approved by the Commandant before being used in any production rescue boat. The manufacturer must submit any such change following the procedures set forth in §160.156-9 of this subpart, but documentation on items that are unchanged from the plans approved under 46 CFR 159.005-13 and §160.156-13(h) of this subpart need not be resubmitted.